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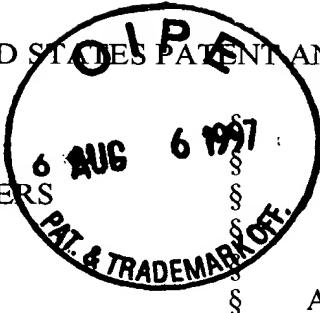
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STRUCTURAL MEMBERS



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 1997. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows. ✓

On line 1, please delete "The present invention relates to" and please capitalize the first occurring "a".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14, 15, and 17-20 without prejudice

Please amend the claims as follows:

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